

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (*Canceled*)

Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A hot water storage tank apparatus for supplying initially hot water to a faucet of a tub, [[comprising]] consisting essentially of:

a tank having an influent connector and an effluent connector, said tank for storing hot water maintained proximate to a tub;

an insulation layer surrounding said tank;

an influent hot water supply pipe connected to said tank; and

an effluent hot water supply pipe connected between said tank and a hot water faucet of said tub;

wherein said tank provides a substantially serpentine water flow pattern internally of said insulation layer, for allowing maximum temperature retention of water stored therein;

whereby hot water is substantially immediately supplied to the tub when the faucet is opened.

Claim 10. (*Previously Presented*) The hot water storage tank for a tub according to claim 9, wherein said tank has a capacity of approximately a gallon.

Claim 11. (*Canceled*)

Claim 12. (*Currently Amended*) A hot water storage tank apparatus for supplying initially hot water to a faucet of a sink, [[comprising]] consisting essentially of:

a tank having an influent connector and an effluent connector, said tank for storing hot water maintained proximate to a sink;

an insulation layer surrounding said tank;

an influent hot water supply pipe connected to said tank; and

an effluent hot water supply pipe connected between said tank and a hot water faucet of said sink;

wherein said tank provides a substantially serpentine water flow pattern internally of said insulation layer, for allowing maximum temperature retention of water stored therein;

whereby hot water is substantially immediately supplied to the sink when the faucet is opened.

Claim 13. (*Previously Presented*) The hot water storage tank for a sink according to claim 12, wherein said tank has a capacity of approximately a gallon.

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Claim 14. (*Previously Presented*) The hot water storage tank for sink according to claim 12, wherein the sink is a sink disposed above a cabinet, whereby said tank is installed in the cabinet under the sink.